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SUBJECT: US-ROMANIAN ENERGY COOPERATION

1. ERDA STAFF MET WITH GHEORGHE DINDELEGAN, SECOND
SECRETARY, ROMANIAN EMBASSY ON DECEMBER 23, 1976 TO DISCUSS
POSSIBILITIES FOR US-ROMANIAN ENERGY COOPERATION.
DINDELEGAN NOTED THAT HIS GOVERNMENT IS DISAPPOINTED THAT
OUR COUNTRIES HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO PROMOTE EFFECTIVE
BILATERAL ENERGY COOPERATION AND WANTED TO KNOW WHAT WE
THOUGHT SHOULD BE DONE TO IMPROVE OUR ENERGY RELATIONS.
DINDELEGAN WAS TOLD THAT WE ARE AWAITING INFORMATION FROM
ROMANIA ON THE LEVEL AND EXTENT OF THEIR DOMESTIC PROGRAMS
IN 1-MHD, 2-ENERGY STORAGE AND 3-HYDROGEN PRODUCTION.
SINCE WE HAVE NOT THUS FAR RECEIVED ANY SUCH INFORMATION
ERDA IS UNABLE TO DETERMINE WHETHER A POSSIBILITY FOR
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MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL COOPERATION EXISTS. DINDELEGAN WENT ON
TO NOTE THAT THE GOR IS ALSO INTERESTED IN SOLAR AND GEO-
THERMAL COOPERATION. HE WAS TOLD THAT ERDA WOULD REVIEW
ANY PROPOSALS THAT ROMANIA CARED TO SUBMIT IN THESE AREAS
IF THEY WOULD PROVIDE INFORMATION ABOUT THEIR DOMESTIC R&D
EFFORTS. HE WAS GIVEN BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON THE US
PROGRAMS IN MHD, ENERGY STORAGE, HYDROGEN PRODUCTION, SOLAR,

AND GEOTHERMAL AND WAS ASKED TO PROVIDE SIMILAR INFORMATION
IN RETURN. DINDELEGAN AGREED TO DO HIS BEST TO OBTAIN THE
INFORMATION WE REQUESTED.

2. FYI: IT APPEARS THAT THERE IS A COMMUNICATIONS PROBLEM
WITH RESPECT TO POSSIBILITIES FOR US-ROMANIAN ENERGY
COOPERATION. ERDA CANNOT PROCEED ANY FURTHER IN MEANING-
FUL ENERGY NEGOTIATIONS WITH ROMANIA UNTIL THEY SUBMIT
DETAILS ABOUT THEIR DOMESTIC PROGRAMS. ERDA WOULD APPRE-
CIATE EMBASSY ASSISTANCE IN MAKING THIS POINT CLEAR TO
THE GOR ONCE AGAIN.
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